

# The GARZETTE

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**July 2000**

It's July and by the time this article is mailed field day will be over. I hope everyone had a good time. As we always say, wait till next year. We'll do something different to make it more fun.

As I mentioned last month, you should consider joining the A.R.R.L. if you're not already a member. This body gives us a voice at the federal level. They have a lot of good information on their web site too. Plus you

By David Adcock, KA4KKF



get a copy of QST every month. This magazine has some good articles now and then. A couple of good magazines called 73 and CQ are also good to read.

Moving on to another subject, let's talk about the club. Can you tell us why you

joined an amateur radio club? Why did you pick GARS? What do you want the club to provide for you? What can you do for the club so you get what you want from the club? It's a two way street and we get what we put into it. I joined GARS to be associated with a fine bunch of people that had the same interest that I had. At the time, it was vhf/uhf ssb. I was a member that came to the meeting every month and listened to the war stories with interest. I

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**On the Air With Larry Tews, N8IAA**

By Johnny Fearon w4wkp

My "On The Air" member for this month is Larry Tews, N8IAA of Sugar Hill. Larry came to us from Cleveland, Ohio. While active in a

club there, he served as president, training coordinator, public relations chairman, treasurer and numerous other positions. Larry holds a general class of

license. He runs a Yaesu 747. On vhf and uhf, Larry has two handy-talkies. He can really hear the six meter antenna up there,

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but he can't even get into it from his truck. His mobile is a Yaesu 5200. Larry is married to Michelle and they have a son in the Marines. Michelle has helped Larry with various ham activities. She helped him with a ham fest, while in Cleveland. She has come with him to Field Day. She even came to his first Field Day with our club. Larry had signed up to operate, and when he would sit down at a spot and then get up, he lost the operating position. He has learned to enjoy Gars a lot more, since he joined. Larry served as SSecretary, but had to give it up, due to time constraints. Larry is employed by a medical equipment manufacturer. He still hopes to have Michelle become a ham one of these days soon.

## NEW GARS Members

KA1HXW Mader Greg  
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KF4YUD Snellgrove Eric R.  
KG4GMU Melton Norman R.  
KG4GSN Robinson Howard  
KG4HYV Knowles William  
KG4IBN Pierce Jessie

## Can-a-Thon

Wow, all the preparation and now field day is gone for another year. Well, all I can say is - if you were not there, you missed some good fun, fellowship, new tall tales, smiling first contact faces, proud fathers and grandfathers, and just too much else to tell, because the Field Day 2000 stories will be flying for a long while.

Even though the heat may have kept the meek away, let me tell you that the field day chairman, committee members, station masters and all who participated sure know how to do things up right. The field day food was fabulous and thanks to all that helped. Speaking about food, tearing down was at a time where I was "out of gas", but had a "full tank".

The food theme continues, the club members and guests were very generous and supported the Can-a-thon which benefited the Norcross Cooperative Ministries. This co-op is one of five food banks in the county, however it supports the most traffic of the five. The co-op is a collective association of many denominations and churches within the county and provides to the needs of people in the area. Shirley Cabe of the co-op thankfully accepted the clubs donation with sincere gratitude, especially since summer is a typical low period for donations.

The donation consisted of four rather large boxes and bags weighing over 140 lbs., a 32% increase over last year and \$5.00 in cash. The boxes contained 144 individual food containers and over 250 personal care items. From bread to beans and soup to fruit, the GARS donations were quality material from benevolent hearts, Thank You All.

73, Mike K4HBI

# The President's Pen

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picked up tidbits of information here and there. Then the club started doing public demonstrations at the local stores. As the club grew and grew with more members, we did more and more. That was about seven years ago. We developed different projects to keep the members happy. Somewhere along the line, I think we got too busy to have fun. It became a chore to keep the club busy with all the projects from doing parades to dog shows to picnics.

The monthly meeting is a time we gather to socialize and find out what each other has done in the past month. Sometimes we have a program and sometimes we don't. There are contests you can participate in. There are a dozen things you can do each month. I don't think one can do it all. There are a lot of things to keep you occupied in Amateur Radio. Maybe after 40 years or so you can do most of it. I've done cw for a couple of years in the beginning. After that I moved into VHF/UHF SSB. Now I am into the HF digital modes. There is so much to do. You may work a mode for a couple of years then move on to a new mode. I think there is room for everyone to work on what interest them. If you don't want to try anything new then you don't have to. It all depends on what you want to do.

I didn't think I would ever be an officer of a radio club. After serving GARS in several positions, I ran for President. This has been an experience. This is my second year and I think maybe I'll get it right. The first year was learning all the dos and don'ts.

Well let's get back to the questions above. We've got several people working on this project and when they call, please give them information we can use to continue our progress. What can you do to help the club? Volunteer to help with a project. Clubs are only as great as their members want them to be. If the members volunteer, then projects get completed and the club moves on to the next project. Sometimes things pop up, that can't be helped. Someone will jump in and take your place. That's what makes a great club. When people say GARS, they know that it's a radioactive club.

Till next month.

73,  
David  
KA4KKF

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# June Meeting Minutes

## June 15, 2000

David Adcock KA4KKF President called the GARS meeting to order at 7:48 local time.

Introductions were made after which David read the meeting minutes which were accepted and approved.

Membership Chairman Dwight KG4FJF asked for approval of 7 new members of which a list will be forwarded and published in the next GARZETTE.

Committee Chairpersons were asked to report the following.

Apparel, Susan AF4FO made a plea for orders for callsign badges.

Net Manager, Susan AF4FO reported that the 2 meter net controls were doing a good job and that they were a great bunch of people.

She also reported that the 6 meter net would be suspended for the summer months and return in the fall with the time change.

Treasurer report from Randy K4HS.

Balance in treasury prior to any checks issued at meeting was 5,924.65  
a final report was made for the budget 1999 -2000 accepted and approved.

A question was raised by KD4HNH about the ARC hamfest donation to be made to GARS. David KA4KKF reported that the ARC would donate 250.00 to the club for their Friday and Saturday participation and that they hoped to build and grow with more clubs participating in future years. Johnny Fearon W4WKP said he was appointed to head up the next hamfest and work on a possible network of clubs for the next ARC hamfest.

Marty KE4MLH Vice President had the floor and mentioned that there was now a new program being setup to deliver the GARZETTE by electronic mail and that those interested in it would only have one choice to receive it electronically only and not by USPS. Those interested should contact the membership chairman. Paul K4BET said he would provide the latest PDF format to use for reading it.

Christmas Party Chairman Paul K4BET said he was working on a place and needed help in his planning of the event and two volunteers Bill KG4FXG and Sharon KG4HKO offered to help and are now on the committee.

The program for the evening was cancelled due to Don AJ1T not attending because of work related commitments and Ike K4WEC due to back problems.

David KA4KKF called for a volunteer for the PR position being open as Paul K4HCM has to step down and Howard Robinson KG4GSN volunteered.

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# June Meeting Minutes

## June 15, 2000

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David KA4KKF called for volunteers for Secretary, Howie W9HG was nominated by KG4DMX and seconded and John Reed N4TII was added although not present at the meeting.

A call for a write in ballot was issued by David which was passed to the voting members and submitted. Howie W9HG carried the vote and was elected to office of Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Larry Tews N8IAA.

Victor Gann W4VEG said that there was interest in the new class and that he had 1 sign up and 4 scouts.

Carol Gann KG4ETR said she had a booth planned for Field Day for kids activities ranging from morse code to practical introduction to radio.

Larry W4LJT is stepping down after the July Issue of the GARZETTE due to other commitments and asked for volunteers to fold and staple and mail out the GARZETTE of which three members volunteered. Russ Willard KA4UUB, Darren Pierce KG4DMX and Barbara Moon KF4UPN.

Earl AF4FG gave a discussion on Field Day food and supplies asking for side dishes of pasta, cole slaw, potato salad and desserts also plenty of ice and coolers. Duane WD4H said he would supply all the ice needed.

Kevin KF4HFN mentioned that the generators would be at half rate from last year and we needed to take that into consideration.

At this point David KA4KKF gave the floor to comments for Field Day which generated much discussion.

Joe KG4FBQ asked for input from members by E -mail answers to why did you join GARS? what benefits members derived from their membership? he wants to compile a report to be given at a future date.

Marty KE4MLH reminded all members who have not signed up for E -Groups to do so.

David KA4KKF made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Johnny W4WKP

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM local time

Submitted by

Howie W9HG Secretary

# GARS Field Day 2000 Highlights

*Check your GARS membership list for phone numbers.*



10 Meter Phone



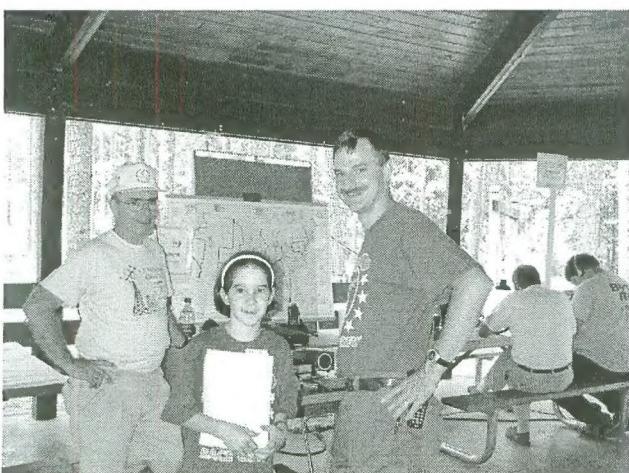
Crystal's very first radio contact!



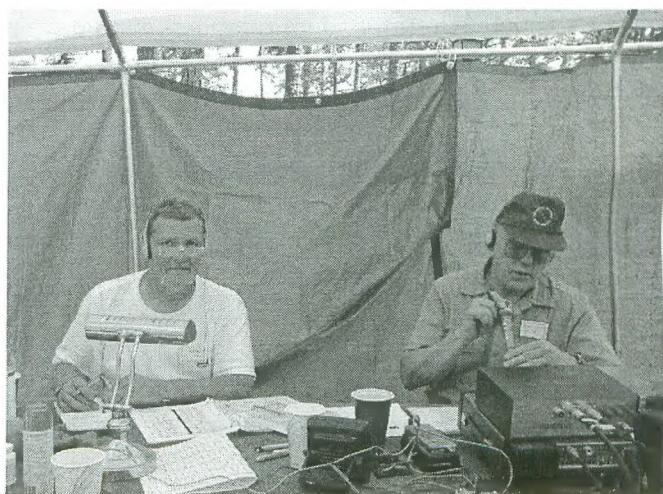
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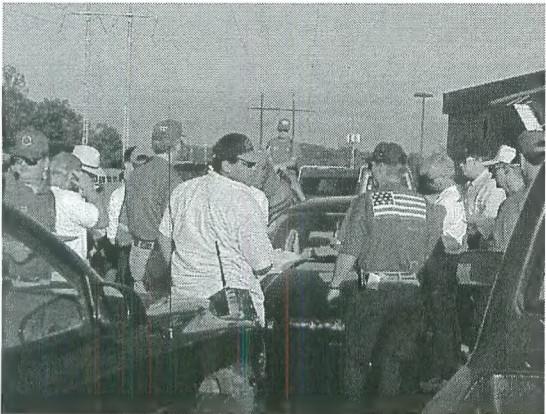


Introducing Andrea to Amateur Radio

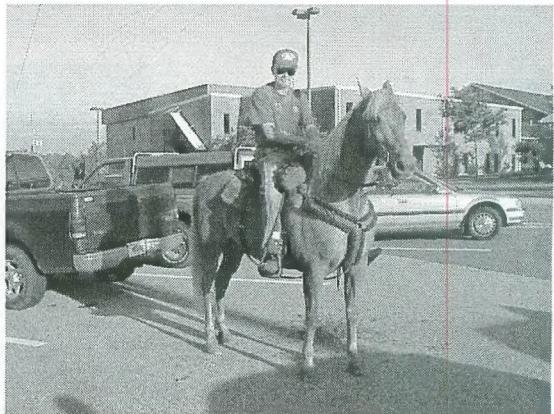


15 Meter Phone

## Dacula Parade Team



Marty and the parade team at the Dacula Memorial Parade



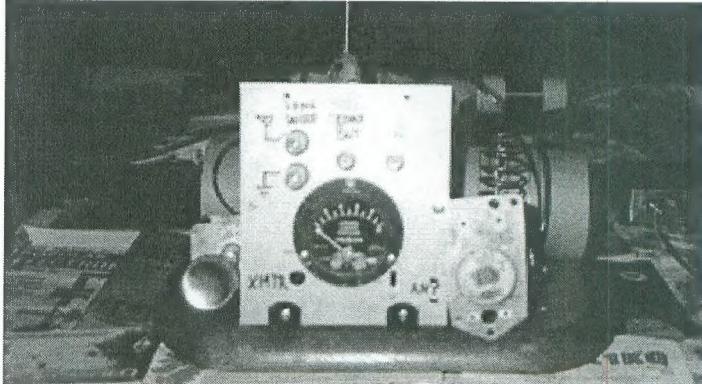
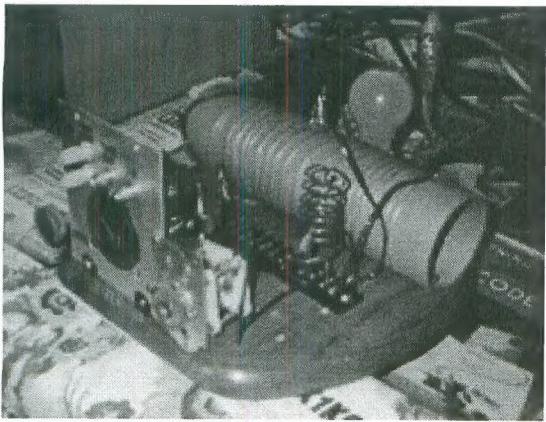
## Buford 5k Run Team



A huge thanks to each of you for helping at the Buford 5 K.  
You all did a great job & were a special encouragement to me.  
73 Carol Gann  
KG4ETR

Barry Zoll N1TOQ  
Wayne Chapman KG5WU  
Frank Madden W4WFM  
Sara Madden KF4MWJ  
Victor Gann W4VEG  
Carol Gann KG4ETR

## It's a What???



The Toilet Seat Tuner

That's right, an antenna tuner! Put together with "junk just sitting around," Mike Swiderski, K4HBI, assembled this antenna tuner. And it works! Using a light bulb for a dummy load, an old wooden toilet seat top for the base, and some miscellaneous parts for the balance, Mike proves you don't have to have a lot of money to be a ham. Just a lot of ham smarts!!

## Venture Crew 73 Events



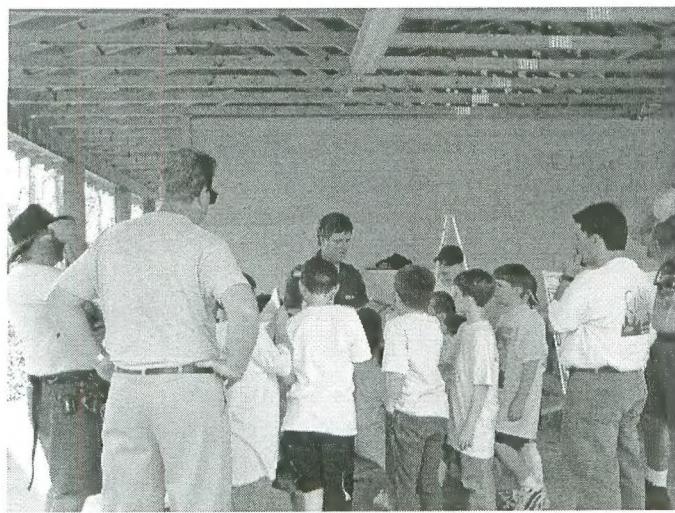
Mike Swiderski, K4HBI explains mobile operation to the Crew Members.



Crew Advisor, Victor Gann W4VEG and Secretary Carol Gann, KG4ETR



Wow! We just talked to where?? Amazed scouts listen to Susan Swiderski, AF4FO operate DX at Scout Expo 2000



Code Intro at Cub Scout Event by Victor Gann, W4VEG

The GARS sponsored BSA Venture Crew has been busy this summer! The Crew is now 11 members strong with the women outnumbering the men! At each event we seem to find one more interested young person who is attracted to the interesting mix of radio and adventure the crew offers.

We think the key is having fun and doing interesting radio events. At field day, the Crew ran the 15 Meter phone station for hours. This was Crystal Florea's first radio event. After waiting over 4 hours to make her first contact, she went on to make nearly 200 contacts with only a two hour break during the 24 hours of field day. Even while the tent was being taken down around her, she called CQ Field Day up until the last minute.

If you know a young person between ages 14 and 20 interested in Amateur Radio and High Adventure events, have them contact Carol or Victor soon. This fall Crew events include white water rafting, COPE/Mountaineering, and remote DX. Sounds like fun!!

## What a shack!



If comfort is for you, consider this "shack" arrangement. Susan Swiderski, AF4FO completed her DCXX 2000 (one hundred countries worked) from this *easy chair operating station*. All the equipment she needs is right at her fingertips in the most comfortable chair at home! Susan also acts as net control for the 2 meter net on Tuesdays from this same operating station. What a great way to relax!



## Editor's Desk

**Help!!** I need help with the pictures I receive each month. I don't know the names and call signs of all the GARS members and event participants in the pictures I receive. I want to give credit where it is due, but the club is so large, I haven't met everyone yet. If you have pictures, try to tell me who is in them. Please send the best shots. I usually only have room for two pictures per event. Thanks!!! W4VEG

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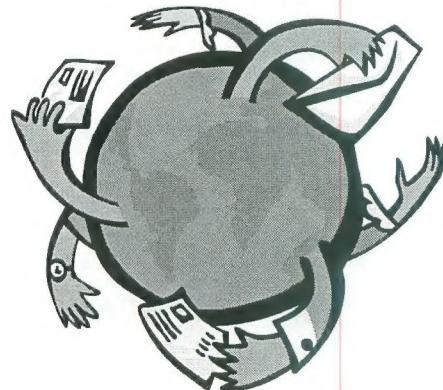
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## Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

### **First Tuesday**

#### Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House  
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody  
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.  
Talk In 145.410(-)

#### Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### **First Thursday**

#### Atlanta Radio Club

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

#### N.E. Georgia ARC

Jefferson Civic Center  
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from Jefferson  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

### **Second Wednesday**

#### North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Ryan's Steak House  
Alpharetta Highway (Hwy 9), Alpharetta  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

### **Second Thursday**

#### Alford Memorial Radio Club

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn  
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### **Second Saturday**

#### East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody  
Meeting is at 10:00 AM  
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

### **Third THURSDAY**



#### Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church  
Gwinnett Drive  
Lawrenceville

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.  
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+) ❖❖❖

## Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

**GARS** publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

### **First Sunday**

WCARS VEC  
2:00 PM

(Except July and September)  
Johnson High School  
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville  
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

### **First Saturday**

9:00AM

Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building  
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

### **Second Tuesday**

7:00PM

Walton EMC  
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

### **Second Saturday**

CA VEC  
8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Hal Martin, KI4RD  
(770)978-9160

### **Third Saturday**

CA VEC  
9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church  
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

### **Fourth Tuesday**

ARRL VEC  
7:00 PM

United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770)942-6466.

### **Fourth Friday**

W5YI VEC  
7:00 PM

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## Upcoming Events

Committee Chairs:

*Lets fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!*



**January 2000**  
Meeting Feature:  
Special Event

**February 2000**  
Dog Show  
Club Elections

**March 2000**  
11 Tech Fest  
16 Metro Crime Force

**April 2000**  
20 GARS Meeting  
29 Scout Expo  
29 March of Dimes

**May 2000**  
18 GARS Meeting  
Field Day Preparation

**June 2000**  
15 GARS Meeting

**24-25 Field Day**

**July 2000**  
20 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**August 2000**  
17 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**September 2000**  
21 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**October 2000**  
19 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**November 2000**  
16 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**December 2000**  
GARS Christmas Party